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REGULAR MEETINGS



WATERTOWN:
Regular meeting
March 5th, 7:00 p.m.

PLATTSBURGH:
Satellite meeting
March 12th, 7:00 p.m.

REMINDER

1st Quarter Dues Are Now Payable

Wiremen \$123.60
Apprentice \$117.60

Check or exact cash accepted. \$3.00
quarterly increase effective January
1, 2019:

If you have any questions concerning
how much you may owe, please call
(315) 782-5630

HEALTH CARE - ANNUITY - PENSION - WAGES

Prior to the March regular meeting, Funds Manager Mark Capone will present on the status of our Benefit Funds.

During the meeting the membership will vote on distribution of a \$1.50 increase to the wage and benefit package contained in the Inside Construction Agreement. Mark's presentation will begin at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 5th.

BUSINESS MANAGER

Currently we have 73 Journeymen on Book I, 10 on Book II, 15 Apprentice out of work, 4 Residential, CE, CW's and 1 Tele-data Technician available for work.

Jobs bid in the last two weeks include: Lake Placid-Ski Jump Facility was a GC to Murnane, they will sub electric to Northline(U); SUNY Plattsburgh-Kent Hall Renovation was a GC bid to Murnane Building Contractors for \$13,845,000, they will sub electric to S&L (U); Thousand Islands CSD-Guardino Elementary had S&L (U) low at \$77,000; South Jefferson CSD-Auditorium Lighting had Rombough (U) low bidder at \$54,659; Canton CSD-Restroom/Concessions went to Slick(U) for \$50,000; St. Regis Falls CSD went to Watson (U) for \$328,490; and Brasher CSD-Phase 1 had S&L (U) low with a base bid of \$206,000, w/ alternates \$574,000.

From Executive Board Meeting;

Jobs bid in the last two weeks include: Clinton CF - Upgrade and Rehabilitate Cell Backs, Blocks A & B had Weydman (U) low at \$789,000, Beaver River CSD-Capital Outlay Project had AMP (NU) low bidder at \$37,015, Beekmantown School had Weydman (U) at \$879,000, River Hospital project at the old Monticello, we have been told Empire NE (NU) got that project, and Appleton Arena Addition will be done by S&L (U) .

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BUSINESS MANAGER

Report at February '19 Regular Meeting

U=Union / NU = Non Union



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Upcoming work includes: SUNY Plattsburgh Bathroom Renovations, Fort Drum Exterior LED lighting, Crown Point Central School-Auditorium Renovation, Champlain Border-A/V Upgrades, Appleton Arena Addition, Fort Drum ECIP, SUNY Potsdam-Student Union, River Hospital project at the old Monticello Hotel building, River Hospital Renovations, SUNY Canton-Dana Hall, Clinton Community College-Moore Building, Clinton CF - Upgrade and Rehabilitate Cell Backs, Blocks A & B, Beaver River CSD-Capital Outlay Project, Beakmantown School, Salt Storage Facility-Keene, Tupper Lake Municipal Electric Garage, Belleville Henderson CSD – Capital Project, City of Ogdensburg – East River Pump Station Rehabilitation Cartage Hospital, Agri-Mark's Chateaugay facility, a new development for a wind farm on Galloo Island, the Number Three, Deer River and the Mad River windfarms.

School projects that are in various stages of development: Clifton-Fine \$3.6 million, Brasher Falls \$10 million, Peru \$2.8 million, Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES \$18.5 million, General Brown \$9.37 million, Parishville-Hopkinton \$2.3 million, St. Lawrence Central \$17.7 million, Brushton-Moira \$11.5 million, Jeff-Lewis BOCES \$20 million, St Lawrence-Lewis BOCES \$43.5 million, Beaver River \$12 million, and Indian River \$3.5 million.

We have not had many job calls in the last few weeks, but we have not had many lay-offs either.

A meeting the Building Trades had scheduled with the Carthage Area Hospital was cancelled and should be rescheduled soon. The Ogdensburg PLA study has begun by Seeler Engineering. We should be hearing shortly of the results.

There has been some positive movement on a job that has been in the works for years. The Mineville Pumped Storage Hydro, a project located in Essex County between Elizabethtown and Port Henry (about an hour south of Plattsburgh), was first mentioned in 2005. This project would use old iron ore mines shafts to route water. When power is needed the water is released from an upper mine area of about 4-acres down a shaft of 2500 feet to (10) 2.4 megawatt generators; making power, then the water is pooled in a 5-acre area. When power cost is low, the 10 generators are used as pumps to send the water back up to the higher-level pool. A new 115-kV substation constructed adjacent to an existing single circuit 115-kV transmission line is also proposed. They are near getting approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and anticipate spring of 2020 construction start. The developer, Albany Engineering, has announced Hull Street Energy will help finance the project. This is reported to be a 260-million dollar project. The same company has also been studying the same type facility for the mines in Lyon Mountain, between Dannamora and Malone.

The New York State Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA) is starting to make upgrades to many of their sporting venues. The State and ORDA are committed to investing \$82.5 million this year with more planned in coming years. These upgrades are for the 2023 World University games and the 2021 International Bobsleigh & Skeleton Federation Championships. It is rumored that New York State will submit another bid for Winter Olympic Games, possibly teaming with Montreal.

Today's paper reported Avangrid Renewables has made changes to their planned Deer River wind farm. The number of turbines has been reduced from 40 to 25, eliminating the towers in the town of Montague and limiting the project to the towns of Pinckney and Harrisburg. The turbine height has gone from 492 ft to 590 ft.

Four north country health organizations are splitting over \$6.5 million in grant funding from the Statewide Health Care Facility Transformation Program. All will help fund construction projects; Watertown Children's Clinic \$1.8million, Claxton-Hepburn Hospital \$2.6 million and Gouverneur Hospital \$1.6 million.

It has been announced that Apex Clean Energy, who is the Galloo Island developer, has withdrawn its applications for state permits needed to build its project. Dahvi Wilson, vice president of public affairs for Apex said "We are open to re-initiating the permitting process for Galloo Island Wind with the expectation of delivering the project when the time is right." In my opinion the project went sour when it was determined that the developer failed to disclose an active eagles' nest and some of the anti-wind activist blew them in to the State. Time will tell if this developer or another will try this again.